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## **Sen. Kuipers fights for Grand Haven post, Amtrak funding**

**LANSING** – Sen. Wayne Kuipers, R-Holland, said he'll continue to contest the proposed closing of the Michigan State Police Grand Haven post and reduction of state support for Amtrak.

"We face an uphill battle, particularly after the governor proposed closing the Grand Haven post," Kuipers said. "But the budget debate isn't over, and I'll continue ensuring west Michigan residents see a fair share of their tax dollars invested in their communities."

Kuipers tried to amend the spending bills the Senate is considering. One amendment would have restored funding and kept open the Grand Haven post, but his amendment wasn't adopted. The senator suggested a number of administrative cuts that would have offset the cost of keeping the post open.

In her proposed budget, Gov. Granholm proposed closing three Michigan State Police posts. Besides her proposed cuts to police protection, the governor wanted to end state police inspections of school buses, but lawmakers rejected that idea.

Kuipers also proposed an amendment restoring the full state subsidy to ensure the passenger rail-line continues operations in Michigan, but that also wasn't adopted.

The Legislature will continue discussing the budget for sometime before sending them to the governor to consider.

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